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I, Steven S. Homer, hereby declare as follows:

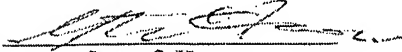
1. I am a co-inventor of record of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application.
2. My residence and business addresses are set forth below, along with my signature.
3. We conceived the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application prior to December 17, 2002. This conception is evidenced by a sketch created prior to December 17, 2002. *See* Exhibit A. A redacted copy of this sketch is attached hereto as Exhibit A. For purposes of clarity, numerical labels have been added to this sketch. This sketch illustrates an embodiment of the claimed subject matter, including a tablet computer housing 10 having a top opening with a perimeter edge 12, a controller 14 disposed within the housing 10, and a display assembly or panel 16 disposed in the opening with the perimeter edge 12. *See id.* The display

assembly or panel 16 has a top surface 18 that extends to the perimeter edge 12. *See id.* In this illustrated example, the top surface 18 and the perimeter edge 12 form a smooth and uninterrupted surface. *See id.* Further, a pad 20 is located between the housing 10 and the display assembly or panel 16. *See id.* The pad 20 is configured to absorb shock between the housing 10 and the display assembly or panel 16.

4. The subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-referenced application was actually reduced to practice in the United States under my direction prior to December 17, 2002. Specifically, a prototype that worked for its intended purpose was constructed prior to December 17, 2002. This actual reduction to practice is evidenced by Exhibits B and C, which are drawings of the prototype created prior to December 17, 2002. *See Exhibits B and C.* For purposes of clarity, numerical labels have been added to these photographs as discussed below. *See id.* These drawings illustrate an embodiment of the claimed subject matter, including a tablet computer housing 10 having a top opening with a perimeter edge 12, a controller 14 disposed within the housing 10, and a display assembly or panel 16 disposed in the opening with the perimeter edge 12. *See id.* The display assembly or panel 16 has a top surface 18 that extends to the perimeter edge 12. *See id.* In this illustrated example, the top surface 18 and the perimeter edge 12 form a smooth and uninterrupted surface. *See id.* Further, a pad 20 is located between the housing 10 and the display assembly or panel 16. *See id.* The pad 20 is configured to absorb shock between the housing 10 and the display assembly or panel 16.

5. I declare further that all statements made herein are of my own knowledge, are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. §1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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Exhibit A



Exhibit B

Exhibit C